

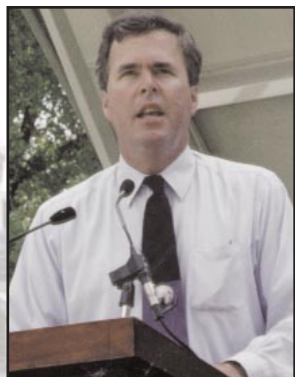
Focus On Fort Lauderdale



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October/November 1999

Capital For A Day



Downtown Fort Lauderdale serves as a showcase for citizens to learn and experience State Government in person as the City become "Capital For A Day."

Governor Jeb Bush, cabinet members and department heads from 13 state agencies took their agendas on the road on October 12 and headed for downtown Fort Lauderdale to hold their bimonthly Cabinet session at City Hall and meet with Fort Lauderdale residents.

City Hall, Broward County Main Library, Stranahan Park and S.E. 1st Ave. south of Broward Boulevard served as sites for more than a dozen activities scheduled as part of the "Capital For A Day" event. Fort Lauderdale is only the second City to serve under Bush's initiative intended to bring state government closer to citizens. Throughout the day, visiting state officials toured area agencies, held community conversations on issues relevant to the area and visited with community members. The day also provided a venue for area agencies to showcase achievements, introduce the public to agency services and promote the Governor's Mentoring Initiative.

Here are few highlights from the day:

- * The 1st floor Commission Chambers of City Hall hosted a full house of citizens and area officials who were on hand getting a close look at the Florida Cabinet Meeting.

- * Representatives from more than a dozen state agencies lined-up throughout Stranahan Park for an agency fair to distribute literature and answer questions about programs and services. During the fair, residents were treated to hot dogs and hamburgers and music by area schools. Broward Days Inc., a group of individuals and companies committed to advocating community issues, made it possible for the City to provide lunch for a crowd of more than 2,000 citizens in Stranahan Park.

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Cabinet Meeting In Session.. From left to right, State Comptroller Robert Milligan, Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Bob Crawford, Governor Jeb Bush, Attorney General Bob Butterworth, Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson and Commissioner of Education Tom Gallagher hold their bimonthly Cabinet meeting in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.



Filing Taxes Online... Small businesses got a heads up on how to file taxes electronically through a seminar provided by the Florida Department of Revenue.



Representatives from more than 15 state agencies were on hand at Stranahan Park to provide citizens with information on a variety of programs and services.



Dr. Gema Hernandez, Secretary for the State Department of Elder Affairs presents a \$400,000 check to Edith Lederberg, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County for RESPITE Care.

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A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



City Draws Eyes On State, National Level

October has been an exciting month for the City of Fort Lauderdale in many ways.

The City welcomed a visit by Governor Jeb Bush, the state cabinet and state agency members. The visit was part of an exciting opportunity to serve as "Capital For A Day" - an initiative designed to bring state government to hold one day of session in the City, listen to local citizens' concerns and personally answer questions citizens have about our state government and legislative issues. Throughout the day, visiting state officials toured area agencies and conducted community conversations, while area agencies participated in an expo to render services, conduct workshops and provide information to residents and businesses.

The City also served as host to the National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Policy Committee's fall conference. More than 35 elected officials from around the nation attended as members of a subcommittee who are dedicated to working on telecommunication issues that impact the nation's communities. Topics covered at this session included Universal Access, Electronic Commerce and Legislative issues.

Beginning October 28, the 40th edition of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will attract boating enthusiasts from around the world to view more than a billion dollars worth of boats, yachts, superyachts and accessories from every major marine manufacturer and builder worldwide.

I encourage citizens to keep a look out for other exciting events.

Firefighter/Paramedics Ready For Duty

Protecting the lives and properties of City of Fort Lauderdale citizens are 61 new recruits joining the workforce of the Fire-Rescue Department.

The new recruits, who join a staff of more than 300 certified Firefighter/Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, were sworn to duty recently during a ceremonial badge presentation marking the largest group of firefighter/paramedics to be hired and trained by the City's Fire-Rescue Department at one time.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department operates 12 fire stations that are strategically located throughout the City and respond to over 35,000 calls for fire and emergency services each year.

The department provides a variety of services, including fire suppression, emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials response, aircraft fire-rescue, fire prevention and inspection services, and marine and water-related responses.

The new recruits were hired as a part of the fire-rescue assessment program approved by the City Commission in July 1999 which allows the City to operate its own fire rescue services to provide faster response times and quality care to Fort Lauderdale citizens. Also, two new rescue trucks, upgrades to three fire engines and dispatchers were added to the department.

Census 2000 Underway - Stand Up And Be Counted

It may be difficult to believe, but Census 2000 has already made it to citizens' homes.

For Census 2000, Uncle Sam is updating his address book of millions of addresses. Census 2000 workers are at work to get accurate addresses for single-family dwellings in the United States.

Beginning in mid-March 2000, every household in the United States will be receiving a Census questionnaire. The form will be in English unless the respondent requests one in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese or Korean. Information on how to obtain the questionnaire in these languages will be provided in a letter that will be mailed prior to the census.

The Census is conducted every 10 years by the Census Bureau. It is vital to communities that a complete and accurate accounting of every resident in the United States is taken.

Billions of dollars of federal, state and local funds will be spent on thousands of projects

across our nation each year. How and where that money is spent depends on the census numbers.

For example, decisions about education, health care, job training and business are based on information about children, the elderly, the unemployed or underemployed. Moreover, the development of public transportation systems and traffic control are based on where people work and live.

Government officials aren't the only ones who will be using Census 2000 data in 2001. People from many walks of life

use census data for causes, research markets, target advertising to locate pools of skilled workers, prevent diseases, even rescue disaster victims.

Census 2000 is your chance to make sure that the new century begins with an accurate and complete picture of your community.

For more information regarding Census 2000, log on to Fort Lauderdale Online at - <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us>.



Resident Discount Card Offers Reduced Parking

The City's Parking Services Division is offering residents parking at the Las Olas Intracoastal Lot for a reduced rate.

The Resident Discount Card offers residents a 50 percent discount on parking at the lot, located at S. Birch Road and Las Olas Circle.

At a cost of \$3 plus tax, the new Discount Card is valid for a one-year trial period. Residents must bring proof of City residency by way of a utility bill or driver's license.

For more information on the Resident Discount Card, contact the Parking Services Division at **468-1600**. Parking Services is located at 290 NE 3rd Ave. Hours of operations are Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Tell A Tale For Tots

Are you a good story teller? Then be a volunteer storyteller at one of the City's parks and after school sites. Volunteers work with a small group of children from the ages of Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grades from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A background check is conducted prior to assignment. Park sites include Bass, Carter, Croissant, Lauderdale Manors, Lincoln and Warfield. Elementary school sites include Bennett, Harbordale, North Side and Thurgood Marshall. For more information call **468-1502**.

Policing Demo Center

The following workshops will be offered at the Community Policing Demonstration Center, located at 1113 E. Sunrise Blvd.

Learn how to limit a minor's access on the Internet to prevent visitation to inappropriate sites and receipt of inappropriate emails at the next session of *Protecting Your Child On-line* workshop. This workshop will be held Oct. 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. This seminar is exclusively offered to adults.

Scared Sober, to be presented on Oct. 28 at 7:00 p.m., will demonstrate and discuss the perils of drinking and driving and the vicarious liability possibilities attached to the Hotel/Motel and Restaurant/Bar industry. This session is offered only to those 12 years of age and older. Call **759-6428** to register.



File For Homestead Exemption At City Hall

On Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Jan. 20, property owners can file for homestead exemption on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. To receive the full \$25,000 exemption, property owners must bring the following information: social security number; recorded warranty deed or tax bill; Florida Driver's License; Florida Vehicle Registration; Florida Voter's Registration or declaration of domicile; Non-U.S. Citizens must have a permanent VISA, Green or Pink Card and recorded declaration of domicile; . For more information call the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office at **357-6830**.

Palm Aire Residents Join City Of Fort Lauderdale

In September, the residents of Palm Aire Village selected Fort Lauderdale as their City of choice for incorporation. Palm Aire Village will officially become a part of the City on October 1, 2000. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the more than 1500 citizens of Palm Aire Village to the City.

In another development, the City and the community of Golden Heights have received City Commission approval to move forward with the proposed annexation of this area. Golden Heights consists of 125 single-family homes and is located west of Dillard High School. In the upcoming months, the City will take part in drafting the documents necessary for annexation approval by the Broward Legislative Delegation. We are looking forward to welcoming the Golden Heights residents to our City.

Fort Lauderdale is in the midst of an exciting period and is immersed in a variety of activities. The City benefits from a citizenry that is committed to an active partnership. Additionally, the City has a well-earned reputation as a full-service

and responsive municipal organization. City staff stress the implementation of new and improved ways to promote communication, volunteerism and community activism because these are vital to maintaining our relationship with the citizens we serve. The City has a variety of forums, advisory boards and volunteering opportunities to promote activism. Here are a few highlights.

The City uses a variety of tools to provide information to citizens including this bimonthly newsletter, Channel 38, and our website "Fort Lauderdale Online" at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us>. Advisory Boards play a vital role both in advising the City Commission on issues, as well as involving residents in the administration of city functions. There are 28 appointed boards. If you have interest in serving on an Advisory Board call the City Clerk's office at 761-5002.

A series of forums, workshops and public outreach programs are conducted throughout the year via a variety of initiatives including Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Citizen's Police Academy, Neighborhood

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Leadership College and Community Policing Demonstration Center forums. These initiatives promote safety, public education on government operations and public and neighborhood preparedness.

Neighborhood Capital Improvement grants, swale reclamation programs, recycling initiatives, tree planting programs also are available. There are many opportunities for our citizens in the areas of education and service and I urge everyone to get involved.

A Grand New Entrance

When completed, the triangular two-acre stretch of land on Federal Highway between State Road 84 and Miami Road will be transformed into the ultimate gateway to Fort Lauderdale.

Recently, the first steps were taken to clear the land and make way for the Visitor and Fort Lauderdale Welcome Center and a landscaped open space. The City of Fort Lauderdale, with financial support from the Florida Department of Transportation, recently removed the existing building to construct the open space.

The Greater Fort Lauderdale Lodging and Hospitality Association will lease the northern portion of the property from the City and Alamo Rent A Car, for construction of a Visitor and Welcome Center. The City accepted the donation of the property from AutoNation, Inc. Services. The Visitor and Welcome Center will include: a 20-foot wide and 10-foot tall, three-dimensional interactive map of Broward County with details of attractions including a salt water aquarium and a simulated Everglades; a 360-degree multimedia presentation of Broward County's history; a Fort Lauderdale information desk; an ATM machine and currency exchange; a gift shop and patio/restaurant area with food and beverage vending machines; a brochure rack to promote hotels and attractions; descriptions of attraction; and a special telephone and computer-based system to make reservations at hotels, restaurants and attractions.



Crews began clearing out the stretch of land planned for a landscaped open space and a state of the art Visitor and Welcome Center.

Put A Lid On Destructive Dumping

It's a frightening fact... Most of our drinking water comes from underground resources. If we continue to pour hazardous household materials like paint, strippers, and other toxic chemicals into the ground or drains we could be endangering our water supply. Here's another fact to ponder. If you dump such chemicals with your regularly scheduled trash pick-up, you could be endangering the lives of the people who keep your City clean. To dump your household hazardous waste responsibly, carefully pack up your chemicals and bring them to one of Broward County's three Household Hazardous Waste drop off sites on Saturdays. It's free and it's easy.

North Transfer Station -

2780 N. Powerline Rd., Pompano Beach
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Central Transfer Station -

5490 Reese Rd., Davie
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

South Transfer Station

5601 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hollywood
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more details, call **771-0880** or **765-4999**.

State, Federal Fund Public Safety Enhancements

State and federal agencies have granted the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department over \$1.2 million in grants to enhance community policing operations, improve technology and implement new community programs.

Detailed of the grants for FY 1999-2000 are as follows:

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has approved a School Based Partnership grant for \$131,196. The grant will allow the City's Community Policing Initiative (CPI) units to partner with schools and community organizations to address and develop innovative strategies to relieve school-related problems of crime and violence.

"This unique award will enhance our community policing strategies to address community concerns in targeted areas regarding problems that can pose a threat to student safety," said **Bob Cooke**, Police Grants Coordinator.

COPS MORE (Making Officer

Redeployment Effective) is in its third round of funding for the City's Police Department with a grant totaling \$1,045,607 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The goal of this grant is to provide law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire sworn officers time-saving technology and equipment or hire civilians to replace sworn officers in administrative positions. These resources build "full time officer equivalents", by saving administrative report processing time and allowing the officers to spend more time on the streets. Funding from this program will enhance software applications utilized in police car computers, enhance the jail booking and imaging system and will hire seven civilians.

The Executive Office of Weed & Seed at the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant for \$175,000 for specific law enforcement activities and expansion of the existing Weed and Seed area by adding seven other neighborhood sites to the current Safe Haven. The City's Weed and Seed is a multi-agency strategy that "weeds out"

violent crime, gang activity, drug use and drug trafficking in targeted neighborhoods and then "seeds" the target areas by restoring them through social/economic revitalization.

The Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Authority has awarded the City two grants:

A \$60,000 grant to help fund the third year of a program known as Stopping Juvenile Auto Theft (SJAT). The goal of this program is to combat juvenile auto theft crimes and criminal operations that employ juveniles. The detective assigned will serve as a liaison with the State Attorney's Office to ensure more effective prosecution.

A grant in the amount of \$5,340 will be used in coordination with the Florida Auto Theft Task Force Unit to conduct training seminars for officers in the tri-County area.

"These additional federal and state funds allow us to expand our policing efforts beyond our current general budget. We look forward to enhancing our public safety initiatives and efforts," said Police Chief **Michael D. Brasfield**.

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South Florida Senior Games Gear Up With New Dates

Mark your calendars! The 10th annual South Florida Senior Games normally held in the fall each year, will kick off Jan. 21 - Feb. 4, 2000.

The event, dubbed the "Olympiad for people 50 years of age and over," is being moved to include the participation of seniors who return to South Florida for the winter.

"Last year, there were more than 1,200 participants and an audience of more than 3,000 viewing the games. We expect attendance to be at an all time high for this event," said **Linda Probert**, a programmer for the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department.

"The South Florida Senior Games offer participants an excellent opportunity to test talents and skills, while enjoying the company of competitors and friends," said **Judy Thom**, Recreation Programmer II at Holiday Park Social Center.

The games consist of more than 70 athletic and nonathletic competitions ranging from bridge and bake-offs to track and tennis. Events are held at several locations throughout Broward County and are coordinated among various entities including the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts, Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation Department and Tamarac Parks and Recreation Department. Games are made possible through the funding support of private entities. Preregistration will begin Dec. 1. To be placed on the Senior Games mailing list, call the hotline at (954) 766-6699. For additional information, call **Judy Thom**

at City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation at (954) 761-5383.



Workshop Tips Small Businesses On Emergency Preparedness

For many, Hurricane Floyd hit too close to home. For others, it may not have painted a realistic picture of just how susceptible South Florida is to natural disasters.

In an effort to make small business owners aware of the importance of developing appropriate emergency preparedness plans for their property, employees and businesses, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Broward County Emergency Management Division are hosting a three-night workshop - "Emergency Preparedness - The Business Of Being Ready."

Topics to be discussed include how to prepare property to withstand the physical impacts of a disaster, how to prepare contents, how to sustain operational capabilities, how to prepare the employees and supplies to be ready to resume business operations after a disaster and more.

The free workshop will be held at City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 2 - 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required to attend the workshop. To register or for additional information, call **Leslie Carhart** at 468-1509.

Education Advisory Board Making Strides

The Education Advisory Board continues to actively support opportunities for community involvement to ensure quality education in City of Fort Lauderdale schools.

Established in 1996, the Education Advisory Board is a 15-member group of individuals that is comprised of local educators, parents, civic and business leaders, who are appointed to advise the City Commission on educational concerns in the community. Currently, the board has plans for a second annual Education Showcase which will take place in the next few months. The showcase will provide a forum for teachers, parents, citizens, City officials and school administrators to meet and discuss education issues and programs.

Last year's showcase featured a gathering of citizens, school board members and City officials

The Education Advisory Board urges citizens to learn about the educational process and actions that affect the schools and children. The next Broward County School Board meeting is set for Nov. 2 in the auditorium of Stranahan High School starting at 5:30 p.m.

discussing innovative ways to collaborate and enhance education in our community. Current programs such as F.L.A.S.H., A.S.I.A., COPS-JAM and the Learn to Swim Programs are ways the City works in partnership with schools.

Recently, the advisory board was an advocate for the City of Fort Lauderdale in Broward County School Board's efforts to realign administrative areas. Ultimately, all City of Fort Lauderdale schools remained within one administrative area.

"Thanks to the support of the citizens, City and commissioners, we were able to ensure that

the City's educational needs and interests were served," said **John Wilkes**, Chairperson of the Education Advisory Board.

Meanwhile, the board continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 100 N.

Andrews Ave. Members welcome public input and encourage a proactive involvement regarding education in Fort Lauderdale.

"We can't stress enough the importance of citizen input," added **Wilkes**. "Since the American Assembly, the City has strengthened its role. However, we need to hear from the community - you can't fix a problem unless someone identifies one and helps formulate solutions."

For more information or to get involved contact **Leslie Carhart** at 468-1509 or **John Wilkes** at 467-9200.

EZ-ing Into Business

The newest company to open its business doors in the Enterprise Zone is paving the way to relieve manufacturers' growing need to integrate computers into the production process.

Andrea Mervine and Ted Peterson are the owners of Steel Solutions Supply, Inc. The 2700 sq. ft. facility, purchased at 1121 NE 7th Ave., is home to this stainless steel production company that utilizes computers to mass produce stainless steel fittings, fasteners and processed materials. This technology known as CNC or computer numerical controlled, combines tools with a computer software to produce machined parts.

"It's quite innovative and cost effective

because the technology enhances production through automation," said Mervine.

A \$48,000 Enterprise Zone loan will fund the purchase of three CNC operated milling machines that will allow the business to reach the anticipated production level in a timely manner. In addition, the company will create eight permanent jobs from the enterprise zone.

In addition, the principals of the company have applied for a facade grant to pay for exterior enhancements to the location in the form of awnings and signage.



Business Without A Glitch... Andrea Mervine and Ted Peterson display one of the recently purchased CNC machines.

Residents Capitalize From Governor's Visit

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* Governor Bush delivered a brief presentation introducing the Governor's Mentoring Initiative - a new volunteer program benefiting children and education.

* The Area Agency on Aging of Broward County was presented with a check for \$400,000 from the State Department of Elder Affairs to continue funding RESPITE CARE - a local program that provides help for the primary caregiver of home-bound elderly who require constant supervision. The program, staff remains with the client to allow the caregiver time to attend to matters outside the home.

* Lt. Governor Frank Brogan and Secretary of Corrections Michael W. Moore unveiled the new Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) service.



Governor Jeb Bush and Attorney General Bob Butterworth meet with business owners along Sistrunk Boulevard to promote the "Front Porch Initiative."

VINE, a service of the Florida Department of Corrections, is a 24-hour information line that immediately notifies crime victims when offenders have escaped or have been released from prison. Victims can also register to find out about transfers and sentence expiration dates. The Department of Corrections implemented VINE in early October to supplement its victim services operation.

* Culminating the Governor's activities was a tour of area agencies, businesses and housing programs along Sistrunk Boulevard within Dorsey-Riverbend.

The Dorsey-Riverbend Neighborhood Community was granted "Front Porch Florida" status for Year 2000 in October. This state initiative is intended to empower residents with the resources to develop a neighborhood action plan to improve schools, reduce crime, increase economic opportunities, provide adequate infrastructure and affordable housing opportunities and create an environment that fosters a strong community.



Youth members of the Kids Voting Broward organization promoted voter registration with a mock election of issues.



Governor Bush and student performers from Parkway Middle School pose for a group shot during the luncheon at Stranahan Park.

Anatomy Of A Landmark Renovation

*The structural renovation of the **Walter C. Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant** has been an undertaking of historical proportions. Work marks the halfway point with an expected completion date of March 2000.*

In some ways, it has been the equivalent to performing complex surgery as architects, consultants, construction crews and plant staff meticulously coordinate efforts to "peel" away the harsh remnants of time and expose the visual beauty of the facility.

When completed, the Mediterranean-style facility, located at 1500 S. State Road 7, will have a new roof, new windows and doors, restored walls and reconditioned floors. To preserve its beauty, the building will sport a new paint job that will also help it withstand father time's weathering, as described by **Joe Mackey**, Chief Operator for the Walter C. Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant.

Part I In A Series

"As we move into the 21st century, what better way to celebrate than to pay our respects to a facility that has served us since the 1920's. These renovations will insure that the Peele Dixie Water Plant will continue to serve future generations," said Assistant City Manager **Gregory Kisela**.

In the meantime, major headway has been achieved in the road to completion. The staff involved has gone to great lengths to keep the water facility operational and clean from construction remnants. Scaffolds and protective barriers surround all operations, tanks and machinery as daily work is performed. This includes chipping away of loose stucco, pressure cleaning the exterior of the building and finally repairing the walls with a sturdier material.

"Significant preparations are made on a daily basis to collect any and all refuse," said architect **Paul W. Just**. "This includes preventing any

construction from permeating the surrounding ground."

The next phase of the renovation will require the careful removal and replacement of existing roof tile and any deteriorated wood roof decking. This process will take several months, according to the project's general contractor - McCartney Construction Company.

"We are dealing with seven separate roofs. Our plan is to replace them in phases to allow continuing operations of the plant throughout the construction. Our most challenging effort will be the roof that is located over the water tank that is directly above the lobby," said **Sheldon McCartney** of McCartney Construction Co.

Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant has the capacity to produce up to 20 million gallons of water a day for Fort Lauderdale homes, said **Craig Canning**, Water Facilities Manager. Its significance as a historical icon is worth more than its weight in water, however. Complete with the features of eye catching architecture that includes an external entryway accented with faux-painted marble, followed by a pecky cypress ceiling in the main lobby that displays a picturesque mural over red tile floors, an overwhelmingly elaborate stare case and wrought-iron lamps, the facility is a historical landmark. The facility has served as host to educational tours among other uses. Tours will resume after the completion.

The \$1.2 million renovation project, which began in June, is expected to be completed in March 2000.



Going to great lengths... Scaffolds cradled by protective barriers ensure that all plant operations are not interrupted nor endangered by the renovation. Shown at left and below is a glimpse of the renovations taking place. These include making certain that all loose stucco is removed, the walls are pressure cleaned and the walls' textures are matched to original state.

The Staff On The Stands

A Staff Of Unsung Heroes
Who Secure Our Shores For Safety

The Lifeguard Competition Team members, appearing clockwise from left to right, are
Geo Serrano,
Breck Ballou,
Jim McCrady,
Sean Maxwell,
Bill Evans,
Milton Davila,
Matt Parnass,
Marcia Vahey,
Christine McCrady.



They live to extend their aquatic life-saving expertise to visitors of Fort Lauderdale Beach.

While lifeguards in most of North America pack up their lifeguard stands for the winter, the Fort Lauderdale Beach Patrol is dedicated to promoting water safety 365 days a year to millions of beachgoers who visit our shores.

The Fort Lauderdale Beach Patrol is a 35-member group of certified lifeguards whose combined years of experience exceed 400 years of ocean lifeguarding. The patrol includes one captain, five lieutenants, 22 full-time lifeguards, six part-time lifeguards and one office coordinator. Together, they keep a watchful eye on the ocean and people to prevent accidents from occurring, respond to emergencies, promote water safety through a variety of programs and classes for the community and conduct a junior lifeguard program. The Junior Lifeguard Program, aimed at youths from 10 to 17 years of age, is an extremely popular program conducted each summer.

Beach Patrol Captain **Tom Fogan** attributes the cohesiveness among the staff to the common interest in the positive lifestyle that being a lifeguard promotes. "Your in the healthy outdoors and must always remain in good physical condition. It is the best profession in the world."

But wait, the Beach Patrol has another side most beachgoers aren't familiar with. Their repu-

tation as a patrol with a competitive edge and a winning streak follows them at a variety of competitions. When they're not patrolling the beach sands or toning their lifeguarding skills, their raising money and training for roughly 10 state, national and international swimming and lifeguard competitions held throughout the year.

Here are few stars and stripes from the 1999 stats:

A team of nine lifeguards ranked 5th overall against 13 other teams in this year's USCA Southeast Regional Lifeguard Championships;

Breck Ballou - Placed 3rd in the American Iron Man Competition, placed 3rd in the 2-mile beach senior men run, 2nd in the senior run swim run;

Milton Davila - A Regional Champion in the 2-mile senior men beach run for the 30 to 39 age group;

Christine McCrady - a Regional Champion ranked first in Beach Flags, a 20-yard sprinting event on the sand; 2nd in the half-mile paddle/rescue board race;

Marcia Vahey - National and Regional Women's Champion in the open 2-mile run;

Gregory Wolfe - a Master's Competitor, ranked 3rd in the 2-mile beach run for the 40 to 49 age group.

Jim McCrady - 2nd place in the Senior Men's Beach Flags.

Police Gain New Technology Tool In Fight Against Crime

A new fingerprint identification system is dramatically changing the way City of Fort Lauderdale Police Officers apprehend criminals.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is a new computer tool that allows detectives to electronically transmit fingerprint images to search the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's database for a match.

Records show that the technology has already saved the department thousands of hours of detective work. During the first seven months of use, AFIS helped identify 70 suspects. The technology was installed in January.

"The AFIS is a unique tool that provides the Police Department with a faster and more precise way of identifying suspects," said **Carl Ciotola**, Fort Lauderdale's Chief Latent Print Examiner. "The process of identifying suspects by using their fingerprints used to take as long as three months and sometimes a match was never found. Now, with AFIS at our fingertips we can get results back in 10 minutes."

The following is a quick rundown of how the system works:

Once fingerprints are obtained at a crime scene, they are digitally scanned into the computer software. The digital picture is then sent electronically to the State's database where it searches more than five million fingerprints. The system locates up to 18 of the closest matches (or "hits") and transmits the results back to Fort Lauderdale's system. After the hits are received, latent print examiners draw a careful analysis of each hit to determine whether there is a match.

"This is a significant milestone in law enforcement technology," said City of Fort Lauderdale Police Chief **Michael D. Brasfield**. "The Fort Lauderdale Police Department serves as a pace-setting agency that has instituted a state-of-the-art law enforcement system that will go a long way toward cutting down the amount of crime and improving the quality of life for all of our citizens."

"The AFIS system is yet another example of how the City of Fort Lauderdale is interfacing technology to reallocate resources for enhanced public safety," said City Manager **Floyd T. Johnson**.

Boat Show Sails To Fort Lauderdale Oct 28 - Nov 1

The 40th Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will offer over 1500 boats from all across the globe and accessories from every major marine manufacturer. The show will take place from six locations: Bahia Mar Yachting Center, Broward County Convention Center, Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Swimming Hall of Fame, Marriott Portside Marina and Las Olas Marina. Boat show times are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call Yachting Promotions at **764-7642**.

Dunk It Up October 30

Challenge the clock and display basketball skills at the Second Annual Turkey Shoot. This basketball competition, benefiting the Daily Bread Food Bank, is open to all ages and will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sport Authority, 1901 N. Federal Highway. Teams and individuals will compete in their own age groups at \$1 a shot for prizes and awards. Male and female divisions include the following categories: Ages 6 and under; ages 8 and under; ages 10 and under; ages 12 and under; ages 15 and under; ages 16 and over, parent & children under 12 teams; parent & children teams over 12. For more information, call the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department at **468-1565**.

Halloween Hauntings October 29,30,31

Ghosts and goblins request your presence at the Halloween Haunted House hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Demonstration Center. Provided as a safe zone for children free of charge, this haunted house will offer ghoulish entertainment for children. Hours are 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. on October 29 and 30, and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on October 31. For more information, call Sandy Shattuck at **779-3290** or Officer Tim Babbit at **759-6417**.

Get Healthy At Brunch December 5

Prepare yourself for the new millenium by joining the Parks & Recreation Department at the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch Health Expo on Sunday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along Riverwalk. The brunch will feature health and wellness vendors displaying various products and services to help you get off to a healthy start. For information on vendor spaces, contact Linda Probert at **761-5386**. For information on the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, call **761-5985**.

Sound Advice Blues Festival On Tap November 12-14

Feeling blues? Take some Sound Advice and don't miss this three day mega blues event to be held at Fort Lauderdale Stadium Grounds, 5301 NW 12th Ave. Festival hours kick off 5 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 12; 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 11a.m. - 8 p.m. on Nov. 14. Advanced ticket prices are: 1 day pass - \$10; two-day pass - \$15 and three-day pass - \$20. For more information, contact the Cool Blues Hotline at **761-5934**.

Around Town



Fort Lauderdale Water Passes the Test!

The test results are in - City of Fort Lauderdale water passes with a grade of A+ for providing safe drinking water.

With increased attention focusing on the availability of clean, safe water, we want our customers to know no harmful substances are present in Fort Lauderdale water, and that the water is safe to drink.

As an annual “final exam,” the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all water suppliers throughout the country, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, to provide a summary report on laboratory test results taken throughout the year. More importantly, these results are reported to the thousands of Fort Lauderdale water customers, as well as surrounding cities that use our water.

Each Fort Lauderdale water customer

received a copy of a detailed color brochure containing the water quality tables below, as well as information about our water source, the treatment process and testing.

This Water Quality Report Card contains important information about the contents of drinking water - water that does not contain any substances that may be harmful to health.

Certain elements present in drinking water occur naturally in the environment, while other elements appear as a result of the water treatment process. These elements, reported in the chart below, do not exceed the maximum contaminant level established by EPA.

While the EPA established national guidelines as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of Fort Lauderdale has been committed to providing clean, safe water to residents. With



more than 150,000 water customers in the City, as well as several surrounding cities, Fort Lauderdale is making sure the water our customers use for cooking, cleaning and drinking meets the highest standards.

For additional information regarding this report, or to receive a copy of the Water Quality Report Card, please contact Customer Service at (954) 771-0880.

How to read the Water Quality Table

The charts below make up the most important part of this report card. The results of thousands of laboratory tests conducted by the City of Fort Lauderdale water are reported below.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets a maximum contaminant level which is considered a safe level for drinking water. This level is the number in the MCL column. A maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) is

also set by EPA and indicates the level below which there is no known health risk.

A comparison of the highest level of any regulated standard (in the blue column) to the levels set by EPA (in the MCL column) shows that test results on City of Fort Lauderdale water are within the limits set by EPA. **City of Fort Lauderdale water exceeds EPA requirements and is safe to drink.**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



Drinking Water Quality Table for 1998

Regulated Standards					
Parameters (Units)	MCLG <i>No known health effects below this number</i>	MCL <i>Highest number allowed by EPA</i>	Highest level detected at City water facilities	Range of Detections at City water facilities	Major source of substance in drinking water.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.95	0.43-0.95	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.19	0.08-0.19	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Arsenic (ppb)	Not established	50	3.0	Not detected -3.0	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.009	Not detected -0.009	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	Not established	160	35.2	25.2-35.2	Saltwater intrusion; leaching from soil.
TTHM's (ppb)	0	100	55	49-55	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Total Coliform (%)	0	5%	2%	0% - 2%	Naturally present in the environment.
Lead (At entry point) (ppb)	0	AL=15	1	Not detected -1	Corrosion of plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (At tap) (ppb)	0	AL=15	9	Not detected -95*	Corrosion of plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (At tap) (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.09	0.001-0.14**	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Lead and Copper are measured in **Action Levels (AL)**: the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. 90% of water samples must have levels below AL. *Three out of 60 lead tap samples exceeded 15 ppb. However, since 90% of the samples did not exceed the established AL, Fort Lauderdale water is in compliance with EPA standards. **None of the 60 copper tap samples exceeded EPA levels.

Information Collection Rule Data

Parameters (Units)	Average Level Detected at City Water Facilities	Range of Detections at City Water facilities	Major source of substance in drinking water.
Chloroform (ppb)	48	37-62	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	7	5-10	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic acids (ppb)	29	19-38	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetonitriles (ppb)	21	0.6-42	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Haloketones (ppb)	0.76	Not detected -1.37	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Chloropicrin (ppb)	0.53	Not detected -1.01	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorohydrate (ppb)	0.67	Not detected -1.65	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Total organic carbon (ppm)	9.13	6.35-10.10	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Total organic halides (ppb)	234	210-268	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
UV 254 (cm ⁻¹)	0.27	0.20-0.31	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Disinfectant residual (ppm)	3.86	0.1-5	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.
Cyanogen Chloride (ppb)	1.02	Not detected -1.55	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.

Terms & Definitions

The following definitions explain abbreviations and information in the water quality tables:

MCLG=Maximum Contaminant Level Goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL=Maximum Contaminant Level is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

ppm=parts per million, or one drop of water in a train car.

ppb=parts per billion, or one drop of water in a train that is 17 miles long.

Notes

from EPA

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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Thursdays, 10/7-12/30, 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 10/7-12/30, 6:00 p.m.
\$9/session or \$75/series of 10

Art of Tai Chi
Mondays, 10/4-12/27, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 10/5-12/28, 8:30 a.m.*
Wednesdays, 10/6-12/29, 6:30 p.m.
\$10/session or \$85/series of 10
*\$9/session or \$75/series of 10

The Art of Meditation
Thursdays, 10/7 & 10/14, 6:30 p.m.
Mondays, 11/1 & 11/8, 6:30 p.m.
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